

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS


# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

1967



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# Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council

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Councillor J. FARREN

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## **Public Health Department**

### **Medical Officer:**

Dr. R. C. WEBSTER,  
T.D., B.Sc., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.C.H., D.P.H.

### **Public Health Inspector:**

J. E. MOSS, A.R.S.H.

# Topography

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## CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Area .....	1,039 acres
Area of Water .....	18 acres

### CLIMATE

Exposed: Atmosphere damp.  
Prevailed Winds: Westerly, South Westerly.  
Annual Rainfall: Average 50 inches.

### SOIL

Moorland Clay.

### RIVERS

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the surface water run off from the area.

### CANALS

The Leeds and Liverpool Canal runs east to west and divides the district into two halves.

### INDUSTRIES

Brick-making, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Carborundum Products, Light Engineering.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

Population Census, 1961 .....	6,440
Population Estimate, mid 1967 .....	6,340
Rateable Value, 1967/68 .....	£239,423
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1967/68 .....	£925
Number of Inhabited Houses, Census 1931 .....	2,101
Number of Inhabited Houses, according to Rate Book, 1967 .....	2,330
Average Number of Persons per House .....	2.72
Number of Uninhabited Houses .....	65

## CENSUS OF POPULATION

Year		Year	
1851 .....	3,292	1911 .....	8,868
1861 .....	4,679	1921 .....	8,579
1871 .....	5,390	1931 .....	7,909
1881 .....	6,694	1941 .....	7,034
1891 .....	7,134	1951 .....	6,823
1901 .....	8,159	1961 .....	6,440



Council Offices,  
Clayton-le-Moors.  
1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report on the health of the district for 1967.

The delay of a few months on the presentation of this report has been due in no small measure, to a Comprehensive Housing Inspector during 1968. This report should, however, provide a firm foundation on which to build a sound housing renewal programme over the years to come.

I thank the Clerk of the Council and Mr. J. E. Moss, Public Health Inspector, for their continued co-operation, and yourself, Mr. Chairman, and the Council for their invariable interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,  
Medical Officer of Health.





## SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

### LIVE BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate .....	48	52	100
Illegitimate .....	2	2	4
	<hr/> 50	<hr/> 54	<hr/> 104

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude .....	15.1
Adjusted .....	17.2

### STILL BIRTHS

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate .....	1	1	2
Illegitimate .....	Nil	2	2
	<hr/> 1	<hr/> 3	<hr/> 4

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births 38.0

### DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths .....	54	42	96

Mortality Rate per 1,000 estimate population:

Crude .....	15.1
Adjusted .....	16.2

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population:

(England and Wales) ..... 11.2

## INFANT MORTALITY

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit.	Total	Legit.	Illegit.
<b>Deaths of Infants</b>						
Under 1 year of age	2	2	—	—	—	—
Under 4 weeks of age .....	2	2	—	—	—	—
Under 1 week of age	2	2	—	—	—	—

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....	20.0
Neo-Natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....	20.0
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....	20.0
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births .....	57.0

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1967	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .....	1	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus .....	3	—	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .....	—	3	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus .....	—	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	5	10
Diabetes .....	2	—	2
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System .....	4	4	8
Coronary Disease, Angina .....	16	7	23
Hypertension with Heart Disease .....	—	1	1
Other Heart Disease .....	6	5	11
Other Circulatory Disease .....	4	4	8
Pneumonia .....	3	1	4
Bronchitis .....	4	2	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System .....	1	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis .....	1	—	1
Congenital Malformations .....	—	1	1
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	4	4	8
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	—	1	1
All Other Accidents .....	—	1	1
TOTALS	54	42	96

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

One new case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year and no deaths occurred from Tuberculosis.

The number of cases at present on the register is :—

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary		
Number of cases on the	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Register at 31/12/67 ....	2	1	3	1	—	1

The Mortality Rate per 1,000 est. population, Respiratory T.B. — Nil.

During the year 6 cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register.

The Tuberculosis Service for the area is administered by the Regional Hospital Board in co-operation with the Lancashire County Council.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of Infectious Diseases, other than Tuberculosis, notified during the year 1967.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	TOTAL CASES ALL AGES	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS IN HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATH
Measles ... ..	33	—	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne) ...	—	—	—	—
Acute Pneumonia (Infl) ...	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ... ..	4	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ... ..	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	—	—	—	—
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

## HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE AREA

The following services are provided by the No. 5 Health Division of the Lancashire County Council, 19 St. James Street, Accrington. Telephone No. Accrington 34223.

Divisional Medical Officer of Health: Dr. R. C. Webster.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

The nearest station is situated in the adjacent parish of Altham.

### MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

The clinic is situated in Church Street, Clayton-le-Moors.

Infant Welfare	—	Wednesday and Thursday, 2—4 p.m.
Ante and Post Natal	—	Tuesday, 9-30—11-30 a.m.
Chiropody	—	Daily (by appointment)

The clinic also provides a local centre for the Home Help Service, and the Home Nursing Service.

A loan equipment service for wheel chairs and other nursing requisitions are also provided.

### DAY NURSERY

This is situated in Atlas Street and is equipped to cater for 50 children. A charge is made according to the financial circumstances of the parents, the maximum being 11/- per day.

### SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

The routine medical examination of school children was carried out as usual.

The School Clinic is situated at Rishton and provides for the treatment of minor ailments, orthopaedic, ophthalmic and dental clinics.

### HOSPITALS

There are no hospitals or nursing homes situated within the Urban District.

### LABORATORY FACILITIES

All samples for bacteriological examination are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston.

I am grateful to the Council's Public Health Inspector, Mr. J. E. Moss, for the following section of this report.

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

### **Water Supply**

The Calder Water Board are the Statutory Undertaking responsible for this service. The Board make frequent routine bacteriological and chemical examinations of the water supplied. The water is a good quality upland surface water. The amount of fluoride present is negligible. The quantity of water available at source is sufficient for the foreseeable needs of the area.

### **Drainage and Sewage**

The disposal of sewage is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board. The system of disposal consists of sedimentation and filtration with an outfall to the River Calder.

The sewerage system extends throughout the whole of the district, with the exception of a few isolated farms and twelve houses on the eastern boundary of the district.

## Refuse Collection and Disposal

The refuse collection schedule was maintained on a weekly basis throughout the year. The main difficulty of maintaining this frequency of service over long periods in a department solely dependent on one collection vehicle is maintaining this vehicle in a roadworthy condition at all times. This Council's refuse collection vehicle is now nearly half way through its "write" down life and has received a major overhaul and re-paint during the year. It would appear doubtful that the vehicle will be able to maintain this constant service for five more years.

Apart from some slight absenteeism the department met with no labour problems during the year. The department now employs five men and a driver on collection and disposal. No separate tip attendant is now employed.

The workmen are in receipt of a standard amount of overtime each week amounting to £2 per man. This is being paid in lieu of a productive or attendance bonus, and special collection of household effects were made during this period.

Salvage collected and sold during this year :—

			£	s.	d.
Waste Paper .....	57 tons	Value .....	392	0	0

Salvage bonus of 10% of the above amount was paid to the refuse collection employees.



## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The Council have a contract with a major servicing company. The department does not employ any rodent operatives.

The Council's sewers received two treatments in the Spring and Autumn. No sewers were infested with rats.

Although some minor difficulties were met with in the treatment of small business premises the service contract method of rodent control is working satisfactorily.

The following table summarises the work carried out :—

Properties other than sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district .....	3,103	10
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification .....	153	3
Number infested by (i) Rats .....	57	3
(ii) Mice .....	32	—
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification .....	27	1
Number infested by (i) Rats .....	10	1
(ii) Mice .....	5	—

No sewers were infested by rats during the year.



## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS

Total number of Public Health Visits .....	2,211
Total number of Nuisances or Defects noted .....	47
Total number of Nuisances or Defects remedied .....	32
Total number of Informal Notices served .....	26
Total number of Statutory Notices served .....	Nil

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Total number of Fresh Water Closets .....	2,447
Total number of Waste Water Closets .....	611
Total number of Pail Closets .....	Nil

## SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Some progress has been made in the conversion of waste water closets. The subsidy grant paid by the Council under the Public Health Act 1936 attracted the conversion of thirty-three waste water closets during the year. The Housing Act procedure (Standard Grants) attracted an equal number of conversions.

The total for the year was, therefore, sixty-six waste water closets converted.

## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

### 1. Inspections carried out.

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ... ..	18	36	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ... ..	57	71	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - worker's premises) ... ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	75	107	—	—

No defects arose during the course of these inspections.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

The following table summarises the work carried out during the year.

### REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises regi- stered during the year (1)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving a visit during the year (4)
Offices .....	NIL	17	3
Retail shops .....	2	31	4
Wholesale shops, ware- houses .....	NIL	3	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens .....	NIL	9	—
Fuel storage depots .....	NIL	2	—
TOTAL ....	2	62	7

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS MADE BY  
INSPECTOR TO REGISTERED PREMISES — 105

## HOUSING

The Council's current slum clearance proposals consist of a list of 141 houses compiled at the end of the previous year. These properties are to be inspected with a view to them being cleared by the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders under the Housing Act 1957 Part III.

These houses are contained in small groups or terraces in various parts of the district.

A start was made on the inspection of these properties and initially some 17 houses were inspected and reported to the Committee. An official representation was signed in respect of these properties and the Council then proceeded with the acquisition of the dwellings under Part III of this Act.

A further 9 houses were then inspected and the Council decided to acquire 6 of these by negotiated purchase. No action was taken in respect of the remaining 3 houses although the Committee accepted the report that the houses were unfit for habitation.

During the above inspections and reports the Committee had, on several occasions, expressed dissatisfaction with their existing list of properties for clearance on the following grounds :—

- (a) The number of property on the list was small having regard to the general age and condition of houses in the district.
- (b) The properties were scattered on small sites or parts of sites throughout the District.

The Council, therefore, instructed the Engineer and Surveyor, and the Public Health Inspector to carry out a comprehensive review of the existing housing conditions in the whole of the district and to present a joint report in order to enable the Council to prepare an overall plan for dealing with slum clearance properties and redevelopment generally. This report was in the course of completion at the end of this year and it is planned to bring the report to the Council in early 1968.

### HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the local authority .....	—	—
(ii) By other local authorities .....	—	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons .....	36	—

# Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	32
(b)	Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose .....	93
(2)	Dwelling-houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit:	
(a)	Number found during the year .....	—
(b)	Number (or estimate number) at end of year .....	12
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit .....	32
2.	Houses Demolished .....	20
Not in Clearance Areas.		
(vi)	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under other statutory powers .....	—
3.	Unfit Houses Close .....	NIL
4.	Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied :—	

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(1) After informal action by local authority	23	—
(ii) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts .....	—	—
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957 .....	—	—
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	—	—
5. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)	—	

	<sup>1</sup> No. of Houses	<sup>2</sup> No of separate dwellings contained in Col. 1
Position at end of year:		
(i) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48 .....	—	—
(b) Under Section 17(2) .....	—	—
(c) Under Section 46 .....	—	—
(ii) Licensed for temporary accommodation under Section 34 or 53 .	—	—

## 6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement —

Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Order or Compulsory Purchase Order, purchased during the year ..... 1

## STANDARD GRANTS (House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959) —

	No. of Schemes	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected
(a) Submitted to Local Authority .....	40	40
(b) Approved by Local Authority .....	38	38
(c) Completed .....	32	32

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

During the year two sporadic cases of *Salmonellae Panama* occurred in an adjacent authority, whilst "following up" these cases sewer swabs were placed in the drains of a meat packing plant in this district. The result of one of these swabs was positive for *Salmonellae Panama*.

A full investigation was instituted immediately. The taking of faecal samples from all employees and management resulted in the discovery of one further case of *Salmonellae Panama*. The person affected was a female office worker and not connected in any way with the meat packing side of the business. All further faecal swabs taken were negative.

As sewer swabs positive for *Salmonellae Panama* were still being obtained from the drain, after consultation with the Public Health Laboratory service it was decided that, in all probability, the infection was being brought in to the premises by infective carcasses — all meat used in the establishment being purchased on the "hook".

The Medical Officers of Health of those districts in which the supplier's premises were located were informed of the situation, and also a system of carcase swabbing instigated.

A positive swab was obtained on one day only from a cutting block. This was the only positive swab out of a total of some 160 swabs taken over a period of three weeks.

Although all individual meat carcasses were swabbed, a considerable amount of legs and cross cuts of pork of Finnish and Irish origin were being imported at this time and it was impractical to swab every single piece of pork and representative swabs only could be taken.

Negative sewer swabs were finally obtained from the drainage system. The premises are still being monitored from time to time by means of sewer swabs, all of which have so far proved negative.



It was discouraging that in tracing this infection as far back as an infected block — which of course proved that on one day at least infected meat was cut on that block — not to have been fortunate enough to have been able to pin-point a carcass or portion of pork. Thereby being able to retrace the infection to a slaughterhouse or the country of origin.

Meat and other foods. The slaughtering of all animals is undertaken outside the area, there being no private slaughterhouses in the district.

A small quantity of meat and tinned foodstuff were disposed of after voluntary surrender by their owners during the year.

#### **Ice Cream**

Number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream	30
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream .....	2

#### **Preserved Foods**

Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods .....	6
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### **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 — Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951**

#### **Section 1**

Nil

### **CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956**

There are no smoke control areas in operation in the district at the present time.



